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SUMMARY: DEFENSE MINISTER'S REPORT ON THE STATUS
QUO OF THE F-16 PROGRAM IN DENMARK IS EXPECTED IN PARLIAMENT
TODAY. PRESS STILL CONFUSED OVER THE 58 PERCENT
"COMMITMENT" QUESTION. END SUMMARY.

1. PRESENTATION OF STATEMENT BY DEFENSE MINISTER
ORLA MOLLER ON F-16 IS NOW EXPECTED TODAY, APRIL 20. EMBASSY WILL
OBTAIN FULL TEXT. PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE DESCRIBED
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REF (B) WILL PRESUMABLY FOLLOW WITH FULL DEBATE NEXT WEEK.

2. MEANWHILE DENMARK'S FEW PUBLISHING NEWSPAPERS ARE
STILL QUESTIONING THE 58 PERCENT OFFSET MYTH AND ASKING FOR
FULL EXPLANATION OF THE CO-PRODUCTION COMMITMENT TO
DENMARK. TUESDAY'S F-16-CRITICAL NEWSPAPER INFORMATION
(LEFTIST INTELLECTUAL) REITERATES THE PROBABILITY THAT

MOLLER WILL IN FACT BE CALLED TO A FULL SCALE DEBATE ON THE 4-16 AND ONCE AGAIN ADDRESS THE NECESSITY FOR A COMPLETE EXPLANATION OF THE 58 PERCENT OFFSET OBLIGATION IN DENMARK. THE ARTICLE SPECULATES THAT DENMARK WILL NOT REACH THIS OFFSET PERCENTAGE UNTIL FURTHER COPRODUCTION EFFORTS ARE CONCLUDED IN DENMARK AND NORWAY. THE ARTICLE ERRONEOUSLY STATES QUOTE THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS SET A DEADLINE OF OCTOBER 1 FOR AWARD OF FURTHER CONTRACTS ON FLIGHT SIMULATOR AND OTHER ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT. UNQUOTE. THIS IS THE TYPE OF EQUIPMENT WITH WHICH DENMARK HOPES TO FULFILL THE 58 PERCENT OFFSET CONTRACTS.

3. POLITIKEN (LEFT OF CENTER), ALTHOUGH NOT IN PUBLICATION DUE TO A TYPOGRAPHERS' STRIKE, IS PROVIDING SOME READER SERVICE AT SELECTED MAIN PEDESTRIAN THOROUGHFARES BY USE OF BULLETIN BOARDS. TUESDAY'S ARTICLE TOUCHES UPON THE 58 PERCENT OFFSET OBLIGATIONS BY ADDRESSING RADIO DENMARK'S WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT CHRISTIAN WINTHER'S RECENT COMMENTS THAT THERE IS NO 58 PERCENT OFFSET OBLIGATION IN DENMARK BUT QUOTE THE DANISH RADIO WOULD NOT DARE PRESENT THE FULL STORY OF SUCH A HOT POTATO ON ITS LISTENERS' PLATE UNQUOTE. THE ARTICLE FURTHER STATES THAT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE 58 PERCENT OBLIGATION IS TO THE FOUR EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS A WHOLE, BUT QUOTE THERE IS AN ORAL PROMISE TO DENMARK THAT WE WILL REACH THE 58 PERCENT GOAL UNQUOTE.

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